SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—Let the Minister give reply in the course of the lay.

SRI BHIMANNA S KHANDRE.—Sir, my point of Order is that whenever a Member addresses the Chair and when one of the Chairmen from the Panel of Chairmen is there or when the Deputy Speaker is there in the Chair, he should address him as 'Chairman' and not as 'Deputy Speaker'.

Statement by the Minister for Finance reg. Income-Tax raid on the house of an Officer of the Government.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—Sir, I am craving your indulgence to give one clarification. It concerns a Senior I.A.S. Officer, who is working as the Secretary to Government, Health Department, namely Sri N. K. Prabhakar Rao. An allegation was made that there was an Income-Tax raid on his house. I have contacted the Chief Secretary and directed him to contact the Income-tax authorities to ascertain the truth or otherwise of the allegation It is ascertained and confirmed that there was no such Income-tax raid on the residence of the former Secretary to Finance Department and present Secretary to Health Department, namely Sri N. K. Prabhakar Rao. So, those allegations have absolutely no base.

SRI BHIMANNA S. KAHNDRE.—Sir, I want a ruling for my point of Order.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will look into that.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I would like to know as to whether the Chief Secretary has contacted the Government of India authorities, whomsoever the Department may be, whether it is income-tax or any other authority ? Whether there is any positive reply received ? The question is that we have made an allegation and it has appeared in the Press also. It has not been denied. Whether the Chief Secretary has contacted all the concerned officers of the Government of India and whether there is any written reply from the Government about these raids. This is not the question of contacting any person.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—The Chief Secretary has already contacted all sources relating to Income-tax and it is ascertained and confirmed that there was no such raid on the house of Sri N. K. Prabhakar Rao.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Is there any written reply ?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—I am giving a responsible reply as a Finance Minister of the State to the quastions raised.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—I would like to know as to whether there is any written reply or not.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—Even that also, could be ascertained. We will get the reply. But this is the positive reply which I am giving.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—Sir, I have given a notice of Privilege Motion about three days back. I was requested by the Hon'ble Speaker to take up the subject next day. Yesterday, I tried to raise it but since the Speaker was not there, I could not raise the matter My Privilege motion is regarding tapping of telephones of the Legislators and also of the Press people and members of the public. We are not concerned about the other things. So far as Legislators are concerned, particularly when we are staying in the Legislator's Home, we come under your control. We are expected to talk to a number of people, Press people and large number of members of the Public when they have got complaints and grievances. They are bound to give some information to us. If that information is tapped, it will be very difficult for the Members of the Opposition particularly, to function freely and effectively and do our duty to satisfy our Consience. We owe our duty to the public. Therefore, if such a practice has been there, it should be stopped forthwith. I understand that the State or the Central Government in certain cases, in the interest of the state, for the security of the state and the country, may get the information. To collect information, they have to tap the telephones also. This practice is prevalent in all countries. But this is done only in respect of anti-social elements and anti-national elements who are dangerous to the society. But tapping of telephones of political opponents, whether they are in the opposition or in their own party, comes in the way of free functioning in a democratic way. A record is maintained there giving the list of telephone numbers. I would like to know as to whether my number is also there in the list given to the officers and also of the Members of this House, so that I could be very cautious. I have also found that in the Officers' Gallery, Police Officers also come and sit. I can understand the Heads of Police Department sitting in the Officers' Gallery. They have to come and sit. Let them sit in the Officers' Gallery. But if they come and sit in the Press Gallery and follow us wherever we go, it will amount to contempt of not only this House but the entire Legislature. This is one thing that I wanted to raise.

I have also given a notice regarding the assault on one hon'ble Member of this House, namely, Sri I.P. D. Salappa. This matter has already been discussed in the Upper House. I wonder whether

political opponents, whether they are from the Opposition or the Ruling Party itself, are to be assaulted and the dissensions are to be physically suppressed. The hon'ble Chief Minister has made a statement that the matter will be investigated thoroughly and action will be taken. A similar assurance was given when there was an attack and gherao on the Newspaper Offices such as Indian Express, Deccan Herald etc. I have learnt that the Press people have given a complaint against certain persons naming them, who were leaders of that attack. The matter went to the court. These leaders have been left out by the police and only about ten people were taken. And a fine has been imposed by the Court under all the sections they were prosecuted. Similarly, this investigation is also going to be a sham investigation. The point I am making is that when such heinous offences to supress the freedom of the Press and the freedom of the Members of this House are committed, they should be tried under such provisions of the I.P.C. wherein they are punishable with imprisonment for more than seven years. I would like to know whether these people were prosecuted under such sections and whether the leaders who were behind the attack on the newspaper offices were also prosecuted. Sri I.P.D. Salappa is a Member of their own Party and the attack took place at the premises of their Party Office where most of their leaders were present. Sri Salappa has given a detailed statement naming the persons who attacked him and also the persons who were watching the entire incident. Sir, certain anti-social elements might have been engaged. That is not important. The people who are behind this conspiracy, are abettors, and are more dangerous than the anti-social elements. The Government assures to investigate. We have heard all these assurances. But we are not happy about the results of such assurances. To be frank, unless the conspirators, the abettors and the political bosses behind all these assaults are booked and prosecuted and punished, I would say, democracy is in danger. Employing anti-social elements for suppression of political opponents reminds me of Hitler. Ultimately what fate he had to face? Today if we employ such people for achieving certain political objectives, the very elements may be used by others against those who now employ them now. This is a very dangerous trend for democracy. Sri Salappa has not been able to attend the Session for the last three days. He is prevented from discharging his duties. It is a direct breach of privilege. I would urge the Chair to refer this issue to the Committee of Privileges.

SRI S.M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR.—Sir, I rise to a point of order. There are certain conditions for raising a privilege issue. I shall read them

"(i) not more than one question shall be raised at the same sitting;

(ii) the question shall be restricted to a specific matter of recent occurence;

(iii) the matter requires the intervention of the Assembly."

I have got due respect and regard to Sri I.P.D. Salappa. But the question involved here is it will not come under the purview of privilege because the hon'ble Member has attended Assembly on that day and only at about 40' Clock some incident took place which neither I nor Sri S.R. Bommai have seen The hon'ble Member affected can file a police complaint. According to the Rules of procedure, the privilege issue does not arise. I want a Ruling from the Chair.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Before giving Ruling, I have to hear the hon'ble Member.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI.—So far as the point of order raised by hon'ble Member Sri Chandrasekhar is concerned, I would like to say that the hon'ble Member Sri Salappa is prevented from attending the session on subsequent days after the attack on him. He was assaulted because he sent a telegram to the Prime Minister urging her to hold C.B.I. inquiry in to the Liquor Tragedy. As a Member, he can send a telegram to the Prime Minister. He was doing his duty as a legislator. What was wrong in it? He wanted the matter to be investigated thoroughly. And by assaulting him, they are threatening him that he should not give telegram to the Prime Minister and discharge his duties. He was prevented from attending the Session because of the physical assault on him. Therefore the intervention of the House in this matter is necessary.

SRI SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR.—Hon'ble Member Sri Bomma an argue his case very nicely and in a befitting manner. But it is a bad case he has to argue.

SRI P. RAMDEV.—Do you mean to say that even if an hon'ble Member dies, that matter should not be raised here?

SRI S.M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR.—My point is that this does not come under the purview of privilege issue at all. I am not concerned with the assault or the incident that occured on that day. I am not supporting that incident also.

SRI MICHAEL B. FERNANDES.—Sri Salappa is not only a Member of this House but he is also an I.N.T.U.C. labour leader. What I want to find out is whether by virtue of his post in the INTUC in addition to the Member ship of this House he had come to clash with the INTUC President, who happens to be a Member of Parliament and at whose behest there was a huge crowd who attacked him. There is a little difficulty here. There is an ordinance passed by the President at the behest of the Central Government. What I have learnt is that the President of the INTUC has welcomed that ordinance whereas Sri Salappa has his own reservations on that. I would like to know whether all these things have been mixed and whether his role as an M.L.A. or his role as a Labour Leader that is responsible for the attack on him. I would request the Government, through you Mr. Speaker, to ensure that this man who is behind this, is externed from this State. They tried to extern the trade union leader, Mr. Suryanarayana Rao; they tried to extern so many others. But here is a man, who is an MP who is the President of the State INTUC, who has men under him to use knives, razors and cycle chains and attack even legislators, deserve to be externed from the State.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವೀರಪ್ಪ ಮೊಯಿಲಿ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ ಮತ್ತಿತರರು ಎತ್ತಿದ ಹಕ್ಕುಚ್ಯುತಿ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದೆ. ಅದು ಯಾವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ ಹಕ್ಕುಚ್ಯುತಿಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಥವಾ ಹಲ್ಲೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ... Criminal law is set in motion. We are not going to spare any one who is responsible for this assault. We are already in the process of arresting the persons concerned, as already stated. ಆದುದರಿಂದ, ಈ ಸದನದ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕು ಚ್ಯುತಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದರು. It is a separate issue that he has raised. About tapping of phones, it may not be quite relevant with regard to the motion which is moved.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—There are two different motions.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—But even there, he himself has said that for security reasons, certain tapping is done but there is no evidence to show that tapping of the phone of Mr. Bommai or some other members was done. ಆದುದರಿಂದ, ವೇಗ್ ಆಪಾದನೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಕ್ಕುಚ್ಯುತಿ ನಿರ್ಣಯ...

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಗುಪ್ತಚಾರ ವಿಭಾಗದವರಿಂದ ಅಂಚೆ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸೂಚನೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ, ಕಾಗದಗಳನ್ನು ತಡೆಹಿಡಿಯಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದೇ ರೀತಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಕಛೇರಿಗೂ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಕರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಟ್ಯಾಪ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಸೂಚನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ನಿಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲವೇ? ಆದರ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವೀರಪ್ಪಮೊಯಿಲಿ.—ಟ್ಯಾಪಿಂಗ್ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವ ಶಂಕೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಇದನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರಷ್ಟೆ. I will look into it.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The hon'ble member Sri Bommai has raised two different privilege issues. One is regarding tapping of telephones. I think, there is no privilege. For the benefit of the House, I will read this :

Points of Privilege : On 29th April, 1960, the Speaker informed the House that he has received a notice of a question of privileges from Sri Brijlal Singh, a member stating that his telephone was being tapped for the last two days and the member suspected that this was being done to prevent the Satyagraha which the Socialist Party was about to Start.

Then, the Speaker ruled : The hon'ble members are aware that it has been said repeatedly both in England and here that except in the discharge of their duties for which they have some privileges here, members are not to claim any special privilege out side where an ordinary citizen does not have. If the same thing had happened with respect of any other citizens, it could not be brought here as a breach of privilege. This can be taken up with the Government in other way. Therefore, I refuse to give consent.

This is the ruling given in the Lok Sabha. About the second privilege issue, regarding Mr. Salappa, the member had not been arrested while coming to attend the session. The member has not been arrested for civil or criminal offence. Hence, there is no question of privilege involved. He has attended here. After attending, he has gone outside and then some instances took place. For that the Government has already replied and cases have been booked. All other things are there. About the assault of the members, you can discuss here and the Hon'ble Chief Minister will also reply. I think for that also there is no privilege.

About one more allegation that in Gallery, police officers are coming and sitting. I have instructed that police are not to be allowed in our press gallery. I will instruct the watch and Ward to enforce very strictly. Previously also we were not permitting. Henceforth also we will not permit police officers sitting in our Gallery. With this, let us go the next business.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—I want to bring to the notice of Government and specially the Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Classes that admissions are being taken for SC/ST students. There is a Government order to take 25% of students from Backward Classes also. That order should be strictly followed. It will affect 1500 students if they do not take 25% of students belonging to Backward Classes in these hostels.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, will please note the feelings of the member.

SRI Y. RAMAKRISHNA.—I will look into the matter.

MATTER UNDER RULE 312

ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜನಗರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಕಟ್ಟೀಪುರ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ನಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಆಗುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಶ್ವನಾಥ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಕಟ್ಟೀಪುರ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟಿನ ಸಂಬಂಧವಾಗಿ ನಾವು ನಿಯಮ ೩೧೨ರ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಸೂಚನೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ನೀಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದು ಸುಮಾರು ಹತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ರೈತರ ಜೀವನದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ನಾವು ಅವರ ಚೇಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಟ್ಟೀಪುರ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟಿ ನಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರು ನಿಂತಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಪರ್ಯಾಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆನ್ನುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಸಚಿವರು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಿ. ಚಿಮ್ಮನಕಟ್ಟಿ (ಭಾರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನಾನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಸಚಿವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ನೀಡಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಕಟ್ಟೀಪುರ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟು ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಅರಕಲಗೂಡಿನ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾವೇರಿ ನದಿಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟು ಕಾವೇರಿ ನದಿಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮೊದಲನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟು ಪುರಾತನ ಕಾಲದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಅಣೆಕಟ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ಬಲದಂಡೆ ಮತ್ತು ಎಡದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಬಲದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಯನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟೀಪುರ ನಾಲೆಯೆಂದು ಮತ್ತು ಎಡದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಯನ್ನು ರಾಮನಾಥಪುರ ನಾಲೆಯೆಂದೂ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಬಲದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಯು ಮೈಸೂರು ವೃತ್ತದ ಕೆ. ಆರ್. ನಗರ ಡಿವಿಜನ್‌ನ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಎಡದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಯು ಹಾಸನ ವೃತ್ತದ ಹಾಸನ ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

ಬಲದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ೪೮೨೨ ಎಕರೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಬಲದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಯ ಉದ್ದ ಸುಮಾರು ೫೨ ಮೈಲಿಗಳು. ಈ ಕಾಲುವೆಯ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ೨೭೦ ಕ್ಯೂಸೆಕ್ಸ್ ಗಳು. ಬಲದಂಡೆ ನಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ ೨೬-೬-೧೯೮೧ ರಂದು ಮುಂಗಾರು ಭತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರನ್ನು ಬಿಡ ಬಿಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ವರ್ಷ ಮುಂಗಾರು ಮಳೆ ಕಾವೇರಿ ಜಲಾನಯನದ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೀಳದೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕಾವೇರಿ ನದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರು ಕಡಿಮೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಜುಲೈ ೨೨ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಹರಿಯುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲೂ ಮಳೆಯೇ ಆಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಬಲದಂಡೆ ಕಾಲುವೆಯು ಬಹಳ ಪುರಾತನವಾಗಿದ್ದು ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಿನ ಕೊನೆಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೂ ಇರುವ ಅಲ್ಪ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ೪೫ನೇ ಮೈಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ನೀರನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈಗ ಈ ೪೫ನೇ ಮೈಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಭತ್ತವನ್ನು ನಾಟಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ೪೫ನೇ ಮೈಲಿಯಿಂದ ೫೨ನೇ ಮೈಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು ೫೦೦ ಎಕರೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ನೀರನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

ಈಗ ೨-೩ ದಿವಸಗಳಿಂದ ನದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರಿನ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಲಿದ್ದು ತುದಿಯ ಬಯಲಿನ ವರೆಗೆ ನೀರನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನವನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಕಾಲುವೆಯ ಪೋಳೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ತೇಲುವ ಕಳೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೀಳುವುದು ಮುಂತಾದ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಲಿ ಆಳುಗಳನ್ನು ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡು ತ್ವರಿತ ವೇಗದಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇನ್ನು ೮-೧೦ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ಕೊನೆಯ ಹಂತದ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೂ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು.